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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Prosecution - Group Art Unit 1621

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Paul A. Zucker
INDRA PRAKASH)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1621
Application No.: 09/859,439)	
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Filed: May 18, 2001)	
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For: SYNTHESIS OF N-[N-(3,)	
3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-L-	:	
α-ASPARTYL]-L-)	
PHENYLALANINE 1-	:	
METHYL ESTER USING)	
OXAZOLIDINONE	:	
DERIVATIVES)	March 16, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, for one month from February 17, 2004, to March 17, 2004. A

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check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the claims as follows and consider the following remarks.